

PEACE WITH MEXICO.

MEMORIAL

OF

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND,

FOR

The adoption of measures for the speedy termination of the war.

FEBRUARY 10, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled :*

The memorial of the representatives of the yearly meeting of the Society
of Friends for New England,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That your memorialists regard with deep regret and sorrow the existence
and continuance of the war between this country and Mexico.

We are not insensible of the importance and responsibility of appearing
as petitioners before the constituted authorities of our country, but we are
constrained, under a deep sense of the unrighteousness and vast practical
evils inseparably connected with war, again earnestly to solicit your serious
attention to it.

While your memorialists believe that all wars and fightings are contrary
to the precepts and spirit of the gospel of Christ, and are forbidden to
Christians, they are aware that circumstances sometimes attend the prose-
cution thereof which may very much increase their calamities. How far
the war in which this country is now engaged with Mexico partakes of
such circumstances, it may not become us, in thus memorializing you, to
decide. But, in addition to the many thousands of Mexicans, among
whom are great numbers of women and helpless children, who have fallen
on the field of battle, or in the capture of cities, is the fearful fact that the
lives of thousands of our own citizens have also been sacrificed in this
strife, increasing in no small degree the number of the widows and the
fatherless.

Nor can we but deplore the circumstance, that our own citizens now
compose an invading army within the acknowledged territory of a neigh-
boring nation, towards whom this country has heretofore been on terms of
amity and peace. And your memorialists would entreat you, as the repre-

representatives of this nation, calmly to take into your serious consideration the responsibility of your present position.

And they earnestly desire that, in your deliberations upon this momentous subject, you may be directed by that wisdom which has for its aim the doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; to adopt measures for the speedy termination of this war; and that the retrospect of after days may afford to you the consolation of having faithfully discharged your duty to yourselves, to your country, and to your God.

Signed by direction and on behalf of a meeting of the representatives aforesaid, held in Providence, R. I., the 4th day of the 1st month, 1848.

SAMUEL BOYCE, *Clerk.*